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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I am sorry, I do not have the details. After receipt of the petition, it was enquired into."

Land reforms in the State.

* 75 *Q.*—SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Chief Minister gave an assurance at a public meeting held in Dharapuram in June 1954 regarding the introduction of land reforms; and

(*b*) if so, whether his assurance represents the policy of the Government?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The Chief Minister stated in June 1954 that the question of introducing comprehensive land reforms in the State was under consideration. Necessary legislation will be undertaken after the Government arrive at a final decision in the matter."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" கனம் முதலமைச்சர் ஜூன் மாதத்தில் நிலச் சீர்த்திருத்தம் சீக்கிரம் கொண்டுவரப்படும், வெகு சுறுசுறுப்பாக வேலைகள் நடந்துவருகின்றன என்று மக்களிடையே சொல்லியிருக்கிறார். ஆனால் ஆகஸ்ட்டு மாதத்தில் ரெவின்யூ மந்திரி பத்திரிகை நிருபர்களிடத்தில் நிலச் சீர்த்திருத்தத்தைப்பற்றி குறிப்பிடும்போது இந்தச் சீர்த்திருத்தத்தை சர்க்கார் அவசரமாக இப்போது கொண்டுவராது, இதைப் பற்றி ஆலோசிக்கவேண்டிய விஷயங்கள் பல இருக்கின்றன என்று சொன்னார். இதில் எது உண்மை ? உண்மையிலேயே இதைப்பற்றி ஆலோசித்துக்கொண்டிருக்கிறார்களா என்று கேட்கிறேன்."

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Sir, both the statements are quite true and quite correct, because in both cases, they are under consideration."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I want to finish off the remaining questions within the allotted time with the co-operation of hon. Members."

Offences committed under the Removal of Civil Disabilities Act.

* 76 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many offences were committed under the Removal of Civil Disabilities Act of 1938 in the State during the years 1952 and 1953; and

(*b*) how many cases ended in conviction, and in how many cases persons were acquitted so far, and how many cases are pending?

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THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—

(a) 1952—118
1953—191

(b) The particulars are as follows :—

Year.	Number of cases ended in conviction.	Number of cases ended in acquittal.	Number of cases pending.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1952	67	17	34
1953	155	21	15 ”

SRI A. RATNAM :—“ இந்த சட்டத்தின்கீழ் பிரத்தியேகமாக ஹரிஜனங்கள் தரப்பிலே சர்க்கார் வக்கீலைக் கொடுத்தார்களா என்று அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்.”

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—“ Sir, out of 191 offences committed, 155 have been detected.”

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—“ Sir, are Government aware that out of the complaints made, only a very small percentage is taken on file, investigated and proceeded against? ”

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—“ This is a vague allegation and it will not be useful. If specific instances are brought to the notice of the Government certainly they will be looked into.”

Action against Gazetted Officers for corruption.

* 77 Q.—SRI M. PALANIYANDI (on behalf of Sri P. Rangaswami Reddiar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state— 11-50 a.m.

(a) the number and the rank of Gazetted Officers, who were booked for corruption during 1953–54;

(b) how many of them were prosecuted and how many of them were tried by the Tribunal for Disciplinary Proceedings; and

(c) whether any of them were dismissed from service?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—“ (a) Action was initiated against nine officers, as given below :—

1 Assistant Superintendent of Police.
1. Inspector of Excise, II Grade.
1 Accommodation Controller.
1 Rent Controller.
1 Assistant Entomologist.
1 Deputy Conservator of Forests.
2 Assistant Conservators of Forests.
1 Executive Engineer of the Public Works Department.

“ (b) Five are taking their trial before the Tribunal for Disciplinary Proceedings. None was prosecuted in a Court of Law.

“ (c) No.”